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VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

ALWAYS FOR LIBERTY, AND THE PUBLICK GOOD.

ALEXANDER PURDIE, PRINTER.

THE COMMITTEE *of* SAFETY *having appointed* EDMUND PENDLETON *and* CARTER BRAXTON, *esquires, to let the building of a PUBLICK MAGAZINE at* Hanover *town, which is to be of* brick, *and in the* form *and* size *of that in* Williamsburg, *with such a* wall *around it, they hereby give notice they will attend at the above place, on* tuesday *the 24th of this instant, to let the said building agreeable to the resolution, and expect such undertakers to meet as are willing to undertake the same.*

By order of the committee.
JOHN PENDLETON jun. clerk.

LONDON, *July* 20.

WE are informed, that a resolution is actually taken for building forts on all the great rivers in North America, to command their navigation, and to keep the inhabitants in awe. The whole mode of government in the colonies is to be all changed, the general courts being henceforth to meet only on domestick regulations, without the power of taxing their constituents, but only to recommend the best mode of taxation to parliament, who are to enforce with an act the regulation so recommended by the general courts.

Orders are given to shut up the gates of all the dockyards, as well during working hours as otherwise; and no persons are to have admission, on any account, but by an order from one of the officers.

Extract of a letter from Paris, *July* 12.

"The Spaniards now publickly say, that to subdue the Algerines only they should not want so great an armament; but as the English have at present so numerous an army in America, it is necessary for Spain to be on her guard.

"The squadron fitted out at Brest, under the command of admiral Bougainville, has at last received orders to join the Spanish fleet, and the duke de Chartres set out from Versailles on the 6th instant, in order to embark on board the said squadron for Spain, where he is to have an important charge in the army.

"The parliament have ordered two most dangerous libels, *Catechisme du Citoyen*, and *L'Ami des Loix*, to be burned. These two pamphlets set forth, that as the prerogative of the French king should be limited by the assemblies of the people only, of which they are deprived, it would therefore be a most exalted virtue in every French subject to take up arms against the king, in defence of their rights and liberty."

There is at present such an universal stagnation of trade, that there are no less than 200 merchantmen in the river, bound to different ports, which cannot obtain freight.

Letters from Gibraltar say, that all the Barbary states are preparing for war; that the Mediterranean seas are covered with corsairs, zebecks, and other large armed vessels, which makes it very unsafe for trading ships.

July 25. It was reported upon change yesterday, that a large Dutch ship from Amsterdam, loaded with arms and ammunition, and another from Rotterdam with the like cargo, both bound to St. Eustatia, are taken within five leagues of the above place, by an English man of war, who was cruising there, in order to intercept any vessels with arms, &c. as it is by that means the Americans are supplied.

We are assured, from good authority, that the Spanish ambassadour has absolutely refused to give any specifick assurances relative to the armada, late in the harbour and port of Carthagena; but as often as pressed on that head, has constantly referred them to the explanations given by monsr. Grimaldi to lord Grantham, our minister at the court of Madrid.

It is now confidently asserted, that lord North insists upon his majesty's permission to resign; but offers to give every substantial assistance in his power, as much as if he had still continued in office.

July 27. Recruits are now raising in different parts of England, for completing the different regiments to their full complement of men.

It is said three additional colonels of marines, three additional lieutenants, and six majors, will be soon made, and that that body of men are to be augmented to their full establishment with all expedition.

Yesterday an order was sent to the board of ordnance, for a large quantity of powder, balls, bombs, and shells, for the use of his majesty's garrison at Boston.

Yesterday some despatches were sent to the commissioners of Portsmouth and Plymouth yards, for several more men of war to be fitted out for immediate service.

A correspondent says, that nothing can be more melancholy than to read that general Howe is directing the slaughter of those very people who erected a monument to his brother in Westminster abbey.

Many people have wondered that the American feuds have not affected the stocks; they will not be surprised any longer when they are told that it hath cost government 1000l. a day, the last six weeks, to keep them on a par.

The Cerberus man of war, capt. Chadds, is ordered to be docked and got ready to carry over some despatches to general Gage.

Yesterday lord Mansfield, and lord North, had each a conference with his majesty.

The Cerberus man of war, which is arrived at Portsmouth from Boston, brought near 3000 letters, which were yesterday delivered out at the general post-office.

Notwithstanding all the pains taken by the hirelings of government to blacken the Americans, it does not appear, even from the partial account in the gazette of the action of the 17th of June, that they were either cruel, unskilful, or cowardly. They fought it bravely to the last, carried off their dead, nay buried them, in spite of their enemies utmost efforts. They have killed and disabled above 1000 of the king's troops, who have gained a dear-bought victory by their own confession. For, what have they done? By the help of their artillery, and the assistance of the men of war, they have been enabled to dislodge the provincials from a post which in all probability they have regained by this time. The enemies of administration cannot wish them a greater misfortune than such another victory.

The lords of the bedchamber, and other great leaders of the nation, are still of opinion, and assert as roundly as ever, that the Americans will not fight. Lord Bute entertains a few doubts on this head; his son in law, lord Percy, a great many. Time will show whether our countrymen, as is said of the English bull-dog, lose their courage by the change of climate.

Yesterday, at the west end of the town, an immediate change of administration was much talked of; but whether the Bedford party is to be only strengthened by the Shelburnites, or an entire new arrangement is to take place, is not said.

July 28. Major Pitcairn, of the marines, who was killed in the late action in America, has left several children. Four balls were lodged in his body, and he was taken off the field upon his son's shoulders.

The Americans load their rifle-barrel guns with a ball slit almost in four quarters, which when fired out of those guns breaks into four pieces, and generally does great execution.

The provincials fight in regimentals, which are red, faced with blue, green, and orange colour. General Putnam's regimentals are faced with orange colour, and in his hat he wears an orange-coloured feather and cockade.

July 29. The account of the late action between the Americans and the troops of general Gage is one of the most evasive and unsatisfactory that was ever yet obtruded on the publick, even through the channel of a ministerial paper; and yet it is every way worthy of the victory which it affects to describe. The general sent out "something above 2000 men," of whom *something above half* (*i. e.* 1053) are either killed or wounded. The general, however, takes care not to mention how many hours were employed in the prosecution of this hopeful business, but nevertheless pretends to tell us that great numbers of the enemy were destroyed; and seems to have employed his soldiers in digging up such as were buried in holes, that he might have the power to ascertain the value of his conquest. With all the vanity of a military man, he praises the conduct of the officers under his command; but prudently omits to say whether any such advantage has been gained as may make up for the loss of 1 lieutenant-colonel, 2 majors, 7 captains, 9 lieutenants, 15 serjeants, 1 drummer, 191 rank and file, *killed*, and 3 majors, 27 captains, 32 lieutenants, 8 ensigns, 40 serjeants, 12 drummers, and 706 rank and file, *wounded*, and unfit for service. In short, if every time the general sends out his brace of thousands, the one half of them should

either drop, or be rendered uſeleſs, we ſhall ſoon ſee an end to the war in America; but yet it cannot be expected to terminate in our own favour. The miniſtry received this account ſeveral days before it was announced, but were either unwilling or unable to cook it up for the publick till after their deſpatches had been ſent away. The printer may rely on this aſſurance, from one whoſe private letters will always reach him unexamined and uncaſtrated by the ſpies of government. General Gage is but too well convinced that ſuch another *victory* would oblige him to re-embark his troops and ſail immediately for England, without attempting any farther reduction of the Americans. The captain who brought theſe deſpatches from Boſton was *commanded* to declare he had great news of the defeat of the Americans, though he had aſſured many people in the towns through which he paſſed on his way to London that he was afraid the accounts he brought would throw the whole nation into diſorder, and direct its vengeance on the adviſers of hoſtile meaſures in America.

Not one of the men belonging to the Cerberus, ſo lately arrived, are ſuffered to go aſhore, or hold any converſation with boats or veſſels who come alongſide them; ſo careful is government to keep the real tranſactions in America a profound ſecret.

The miniſterial hirelings are now running about from printer to printer to appriſe them of their danger, if they continue to controvert or ridicule the accounts given in the London gazette. This is all done too under the pretence of kindneſs, but is in reality the *dernier reſort* of a ſet of men frighted out of their wits by the *victory* which they have gained in *America*. It is well known that the people in general are at the expenſe of the armament; and therefore they will not only perſiſt in their right to be acquainted with its ſucceſs, but will likewiſe proceed to expoſe and laugh at all ſuch mutilated letters from general Gage as from time to time may be laid before them by authority from the privy council.

The friends of the miniſtry pretend to be in high ſpirits on account of general Howe's victory, as they call it; but lord Dartmouth begs leave to differ from them in opinion.

When the news of the Roman legions being ſlaughtered by the Germans reached the ears of the emperour Auguſtus, he ſhed tears, and appeared for a conſiderable time like a frantick man. What muſt our gracious ſovereign feel when told of the bloody ſlaughter in America of Engliſhmen by Engliſhmen? How muſt he deteſt thoſe who adviſed ſuch pernicious counſels? And with what contempt muſt he look upon thoſe wretches who aſſured him that the Americans were all cowards, and would run away from the ſight of a ſoldier?

An expreſs was laſt night certainly received from general Gage at Boſton; and as matters are at preſent kept ſo very ſecret, it is generally imagined the regulars have been worſted in a freſh engagement, and there is alſo reaſon to ſuſpect that the provincials have made themſelves maſter of Boſton.

This morning advice was received that the Julius Cæſar, Bruſh, from Quebeck, with deſpatches, was ſafe arrived at Dover, and has brought over ſeveral families, who were afraid they ſhould not long live peaceably in thoſe parts.

By ſeveral letters in town from Boſton, which were brought by the Cerberus man of war, bnt did not come to hand till yeſterday, we learn that it was impoſſible for one quarter of the officers, &c. who were wounded in the engagement of the 17th paſt, to ſurvive.

Within theſe few days ſeveral large pieces of cannon have been placed on Tower wharf, which it is imagined are to be ſhipped off for America by ſome of the firſt ſhips that ſail.

We are aſſured that the two grand adviſers, with their whole train of dependents, ſuſtained by the Bloomſbury gang, are determined to *play deep*, to ſtake all upon *one* throw. *Neck* or *nothing* is the word. The lords North and Dartmouth are only to remain till proper perſons are pitched upon to ſucceed them.

July 31. A private letter from Boſton ſays, that no words can deſcribe the dreadful ſcene of miſery of that unhappy town. The ſhrieks of the women, the cries of the children, the dying groans of the wounded, and the want of proviſions, would extort a tear from even the eye of Nero.

The government contractors have received orders to furniſh winter camp clothing and utenſils for 10,000 men, which are to be ſhipped off immediately.

We learn from Woolwich, that the diſtreſſes of the inhabitants of that place are not to be deſcribed. One poor woman, named Stacey, was apprehended, and conveyed eight miles to priſon, for adviſing her huſband not to work in the yard. She has three ſmall children, and is at preſent big with child.

It is whiſpered, that if any Hanoverian regiments are ordered to America, the king of Pruſſia will certainly march an army of Pruſſians into Hanover.

Yeſterday in the afternoon three meſſengers were ſent from lord Rochford's office, with deſpatches received from different courts;—two of them were carried to his majeſty at Kew, and the other to lord North at Buſhy Park.

Henry Flood, eſq; is appointed vice-treaſurer of Ireland, worth near 3000l. per year, in the room of Charles Jenkinſon, eſq; lately appointed clerk of the pells in the ſame kingdom.

Extract of a letter from Plymouth, *July* 25.

"Yeſterday and this day the ſhipwrights who have quitted the yard on account of wages fetched away all their tools, as there do not appear to be any hopes of a reconciliation.

"The commiſſioner, by a hand bill, has offered 30l. reward to any perſon who ſhall diſcover one or more of thoſe who were concerned in horſing upon poles, and otherwiſe abuſing, ſome of the workmen who ſtill continue in the yard, and refuſed to quit their employments at the ſoliciation of their refractory brethren."

Auguſt 1. This morning a freſh draught of men was made on the parade from the 3d regiment of foot, to embark immediately to reinforce general Gage's army in America.

An entry was yeſterday made at the cuſtomhouſe for 2000 *coffins*, intended to be ſhipped for Boſton.

Extract of a letter from Chatham, *July* 31.

"The chief topick in this town, for ſeveral days paſt, has been concerning the death of the unfortunate major Pitcairn, who died of his wounds in the late engagement in America. He was late major of his majeſty's diviſion of marines at this place. He was a gentleman of an univerſal good character, and beloved by his officers and men; and much eſteemed by all ranks of people here, for his affability and genteel addreſs. He was a tender huſband, and an affectionate father. On the news being brought to his lady laſt thurſday evening, ſhe immediately dropped down, and for ſeveral hours it was thought ſhe was dead; ſhe has not ſpoke ſince, and her life is not expected; their mutual happineſs was beyond conception. The unfortunate lady's character is no way deficient to that of the major."

We are informed, that accounts of a very doubtful, if not alarming nature, have been received from the court of Madrid in the courſe of laſt week.

Upwards of 60 ſail of ſhips from the Weſt Indies, and other parts, have arrived in the river ſince laſt ſaturday.

To be SOLD at Kinſale, *in* Weſtmoreland *county, on the* 29*th of* November,

FIFTEEN choice *Virginia* born ſlaves, conſiſting of men, women, and children, belonging to the eſtate of doctor *William Flood*, deceaſed. Alſo the remainder of the perſonal eſtate, which was not expoſed at the former ſale in *September*; the chief articles of which are, beds with furniture, kitchen utenſils, cattle and ſheep, ſome caſks of wine, and about 250 barrels of *Indian* corn.---At the ſame time will be either leaſed or rented, as the terms may be beſt agreed on, a plantation of the beſt quality, in *Cherry Point*, on which ten hands may be employed; alſo the ſeat of *Kinſale*, the ſituation of which is healthy, and extremely beautiful; the buildings on it are numerous, and in good repair. Beſides the dwelling-houſe, and ordinary offices, there is a new ſtorehouſe containing ſix rooms, and a granary, from which grain may be diſcharged into veſſels. Six months credit will be allowed, on giving bond and good ſecurity. If the bonds are not punctually diſcharged, they muſt carry intereſt from their dates.

(6) The EXECUTORS.

To be SOLD, at the late dwelling-houſe of John Gregory, *deceaſed, in* Charles City *county, on* thurſday *the* 9*th of* November,

THE remaining third of the deceaſed's eſtate, conſiſting of 6 likely negroes; the manor plantation, containing 100 acres of valuable land; alſo the houſehold and kitchen furniture, the ſtocks of all kinds, and plantation utenſils. Bond and ſecurity will be required, which are to carry intereſt from the date, if not punctually diſcharged when they become due.

THOMAS HOLT, WILLIAM GREGORY,] ſurviving exec.

*** At the ſame time and place will be ſold, on the like terms, all the eſtate of *Mildred Gregory*, deceaſed.

WILLIAM GREGORY, adm.

To be SOLD at publick auction, purſuant to the laſt will and teſtament of mr. John Todd Bickerton, *deceaſed, at* Hanover *courthouſe, on the firſt* thurſday *in* December *next, being court day,*

ONE tract of LAND lying on the *Byrd* creek, in *Albemarle* county, containing 700 acres, with a plantation cleared ſufficient to work ſeven or eight hands, and convenient buildings for a family. Alſo one other tract, lying on *Hickory* creek, in *Louiſa* county, containing 1425 acres, without any improvements thereon. Theſe lands are ſubject to the dower of mrs. *Martha Bickerton*. Twelve months credit will be allowed, the purchaſer giving bond, with approved ſecurity, to the executors. (7)

To be SOLD, on monday *the* 6*th of* November, *if fair, otherwiſe next fair day, at the plantation of mr.* John Walton, *near* Auguſta *town, in* Georgia,

SEVERAL likely SLAVES, being the reſidue of all thoſe formerly in the poſſeſſion of mr. *Leonard Claiborne*, which were of the eſtate of *Francis Poythreſs*, deceaſed, and condemned to the plaintiffs in a ſuit in chancery, *October* 15, 1764. Six months credit will be allowed, the purchaſers giving bond, with approved ſecurity, to

WILLIAM GLASCOCK.

COMMITTED to *Elizabeth City* jail, the 13th of this inſtant (*October*) on ſuſpicion of being a runaway, ANDREW CLEALING, an *Iriſhman*, who is a carpenter and joiner by trade, has loſt an eye, is much marked with the ſmallpox, is about 25 years of age, and 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high. He had a paſs with him ſigned by *Charles M'Carty*, which is thought to be forged. The owner (if any) is deſired to take him away, and pay charges.

JOHN M'LACHLIN, jailer.

To be SOLD, on short or long credit, or for ready money,

THE tract of land where I live, called *Drummond's Neck*, containing 700 acres, in *James City* county, about 15 miles from *Williamsburg*. The land, in common, is very level and rich. There are, I suppose, 300 acres of marsh, superiour to any I have seen. It lies high, remarkably dry, and convenient to be reclaimed. Plenty of wildfowl, almost of all kinds, frequent here. On this land are two exceeding fine fisheries, all convenient, and necessary houses, with a garden lately built. I will also sell my stocks of cattle, sheep, and hogs, with my crops of wheat, oats, corn, and fodder. Although this piece of land has many advantages in its situation which others have not that are on the river, yet I cannot possess an equal share of health here, not being used to the lower parts of the country for several years past.

(6) JOHN AYLETT.

N. B. I want to hire a CARPENTER, a single man, for a few months.

CHARLES CITY, ſc.

William Rickman, *one of his majesty's justices of the peace for the said county, to all sheriffs, mayors, bailiffs, constables, and head boroughs, within the colony and dominion of* Virginia:

WHEREAS complaint is this day made to me, upon the oath of *William Gregory*, that AARON and MICHAEL, two negro slaves formerly belonging to the hon. *William Byrd*, esq; and who were under sentence of death, did, on the 10th instant, forcibly escape from the jail of this county, and are now going at large: These are therefore, in his majesty's name, to require you, and every of you, in your respective counties, towns, and precincts, to make diligent search, by way of hue and cry, for the said *Aaron* and *Michael*, and them having found to seize and retake, and safely convey, or cause to be safely conveyed, to the jail of the said county of *Charles City*, there to be kept until they shall be thence discharged by due course of law.

Given under my hand and seal, this 12th day of *July* 1775, in the 15th year of the reign of our sovereign lord GEORGE III.

WILLIAM RICKMAN.

COMMITTED to the jail of *Isle of Wight* county, on suspicion of being a runaway, a negro man who appears to be about 40 years of age, middle size, well made, has had the smallpox, and by his tongue is outlandish. He calls himself JAMES MOORE, says he is a freeman, and gives the following account of himself: That he belonged to *Daniel Brooke* on *Potowmack* river, sued for his freedom, and recovered it; afterwards went with capt. *Leonard Brooke* to the *Ohio*, as his servant, since which he has followed going by water, in *York* and *James* rivers; that he lived some years with *John Adam* of *Norfolk* town, also some years with *Richard Blunt* of *Sussex* county, and in the summer 1774 made a crop with mrs. *Best* on *Nansemond* river. He appears to be a sensible cunning fellow, and has been troublesome in the neighbourhood, where he has haunted for some time past. If he is a slave, his owner is desired to claim him; and if any person can give an account of his being a freeman, he is requested to send the same to

MICAJAH WILLS, jailer.

HANOVER town, *October* 11, 1775.

I INTEND to leave the colony immediately. In my absence, I do appoint mr. *Richard Burnley* my attorney.

JOHN BURNLEY.

TAKEN up at my quarter in *Amelia*, a little below the fork of *Nottoway*, a BLACK HORSE about 4 feet 9 inches high, has two white streaks on his right side, a scar on his right hip, and his left hind foot white. Posted, and appraised to 15l. ELIZABETH CLAIBORNE.

To be SOLD, at the next meeting of the merchants in Williamsburg, *by virtue of a deed of trust made to the subscribers,*

THE estate of *John Randolph*, esq; his majesty's attorney-general, consisting of his late dwelling-house within the said city, and of the land adjoining, several very valuable family servants, and a variety of furniture. A year's credit will be allowed the purchasers, they giving bond, with good security, to

PEYTON RANDOLPH.
(tf.) JOHN BLAIR,
JAMES COCKE.

A WOMAN who would act as a GOVERNESS to any genteel family, intending to *Great Britain*, may be employed, and will be well recommended, by applying to the printer for such a person. She is desirous of a passage home, and would willingly take the post above-mentioned. (1)

To be SOLD, on monday *the* 30th *instant* (October) *at the dwelling-house of the late* James Burwell, *esq; deceased, of* King's *creek,*

ALL the estate of the said *Burwell* at that plantation, consisting of stocks of horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, *&c.* all the household and kitchen furniture, the plantation utensils, and a number of other valuable articles. Twelve months credit will be allowed the purchasers, for all sums exceeding 5l. on giving bond with undoubted security; for all other sums, ready money will be expected before the goods are delivered.----All persons having any demands against mr. *Burwell* are desired to send the same to the subscriber, who is empowered by *York* court to settle said estate.

WILLIAM RUSSELL.

LEEDSTOWN, *October* 5, 1775.

JUST arrived, the *Saltspring*, capt. *John Ogilvy*, with about 120 healthy servants; men, women, and boys. Among them are many tradesmen, such as carpenters and joiners, black and white-smiths, brasiers and copper-smiths, shoemakers, weavers, barbers, schoolmasters, a tailor, a cabinet-maker, a wheelwright, a house painter, a calico printer, a dancing-master, and several others. There are also farmars, and other country labourers. The sale will commence on *wednesday* the 18th of *October*, at *Leedstown*, on *Rappahannock* river, and be continued there four days. A reasonable credit will be allowed the purchasers, giving bond, with approved security, to THOMAS HODGE.

To be SOLD, *on* monday *the* 23*d instant, for ready money, at* Urbanna,

THAT most valuable negro man named MINNY, belonging to the estate of *Joseph Pritchard*, deceased. He is supposed to be as good a skipper as any in the colony, is well acquainted with the bay, and all the rivers in *Virginia* and *Maryland*. A good title will be made by

(2) THE EXECUTORS.

To be SOLD, *pursuant to the last will and testament of* James Balfour, *deceased, on tuesday the* 31*st instant* (October)

A TRACT of land in *Brunswick* county, containing 940 acres, near *Fountain's* creek, being the land formerly advertised. Credit will be allowed till *January* 1777 for one half the purchase money, and until *January* 1778 for the other half, the purchaser giving bond, with approved security; the bonds to carry interest from the date, if not punctually discharged when they become due. Six per cent. discount, per annum, will be allowed for ready money.----Mr. *Eaton Haynes* is empowered to dispose of the land, in case the executors should not be able to attend the sale. (2)

AUGUSTINE WILLIS, }
THOMAS EATON, } excutors.

To be rented for one year, or for a term of years.

STEWART's ordinary, in the upper end of *Sussex* county, whereon is a tolerable good dwelling-house with four rooms below and two above, a kitchen, stable, garden, *&c.* a good storehouse, and compting-room. It would be needless to mention the advantages attending the situation of the place, as it is well known to most people in the southern parts of the colony. Possession will be given on the 24th of *December* next, by

CHARLES STEWART.

YORK TOWN, *October* 9, 1775.

WHEREAS I intend for *Great Britain* early in the ensuing spring, I propose selling the dwelling-house wherein I now live, with or without furniture, or on annuity for life, as may best suit a purchaser. Two or three years credit will be allowed, bond being given with approved security, which is to bear interest from the time the bargain is concluded upon.

2 GEO. RIDDELL.

THE committee of the county of *York* is desired to meet at the courthouse of the said county, on *friday* the 10th of *November* next; at which time the several gentlemen appointed by the committee to collect money for any publick use are requested to produce their accounts, that they may be finally settled before the election of a new committee.

WILLIAM RUSSELL, clerk.

CABIN POINT, *September* 28, 1775.

WHEREAS I gave two bonds to *Stephen Sorsby* of *Surry* county, for a piece of land lying therein (one of 100l. payable *March* 1, 1774; the other for 200l. payable *March* 1, 1775) this is to forewarn all persons from taking an assignment of the said bonds, as I understand the land is entailed, and I am resolved not to pay them until a good title is made.

FRANCIS MORELAND.

RUN away from the subscriber, living near the *Sugarloaf* mountain, in *Frederick* county, *Maryland*, two servants, *viz.* JOHN HUNTER, an *Englishman*, about 25 years old, 5 feet 6 inches high, of a sandy complexion, has short brown hair, is a pretty good scholar, and it is likely will pass for a schoolmaster. He had on, and took with him, a blue and white homespun coat and waistcoat, white drill breeches, black ribbed worsted stockings, turned pumps with plated buckles, an old white shirt, and a coarse hat with a red lining.---WILLIAM M'KINLAY, an *Irishman*, about 23 years old, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, a likely well set fellow, and has short black curled hair. He had on when he went away a brown coat and green cloth waistcoat, white breeches, gray worsted stockings, turned pumps, a good white shirt, and a small hat bound round with ferret. Whoever takes up the said servants, and secures them in any jail, shall have EIGHT DOLLARS reward for each; and if brought home, reasonable charges, paid by

2 FRANCIS THOMAS.

To be SOLD *at the meeting of the merchants in* October,

ALL mrs. *Rathell*'s ſtock in trade, conſiſting of many different articles. I requeſt all who are indebted to the ſaid mrs. *Rathell* will be ſo kind at this meeting as to pay off their accounts to *John Tazewell*, eſq; of this city, or to the ſubſcriber, at mrs. *Rathell*'s ſtore, who are authoriſed to receive ſuch debts.

M. BRODIE.

N. B. At the ſame time will be ſold a large bow window, with bars and ſhutters, ſome ſhow glaſſes, and glaſs caſes.

RUN away from the ſubſcriber, on the 21ſt of *Auguſt* laſt, an *Engliſh* convict ſervant lad named JOHN SHAW, 18 or 19 years of age, about 5 feet high, has ſhort dark brown hair, a ſmooth face, only a remarkable ſcar on his forehead, juſt between his eye-brows, has loſt one of his eye teeth, which he ſays was pulled out when he was young, has a number of ſcars on his legs, and has a kind of a drag in his walk when tired. He took with him a good white ſhirt, oſnabrugs jacket and trouſers, a ſutty coloured ſilk handkerchief, one checked do. felt hat, and a pair of ſilver ſhoe buckles. He is a ſmooth-tongued fellow, and talks ſo plain that any perſon would take him to be country born. Whoever brings the ſaid ſervant to me, near *Weſtmoreland* court-houſe, or ſecures him in any of his majeſty's jails, ſhall have TEN DOLLARS reward.

WILLIAM MARMADUKE.

COMMITTED to *Norfolk* county jail, on the 8th of *March* laſt, a negro man, who ſays his name is DAVY, and that he belongs to *William Smith* on the eaſtern ſhore of *Maryland;* he is about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high. The owner is deſired to take him away, and pay charges.

(12) SAMUEL PORTLOCK, jailer.

COMMITTED to *Norfolk* county jail, on the 10th of *September* laſt, a ſlim negro man, who ſays his name is WILLIAM PARROT, that he is a freeman, and was born about a mile from *Williamſburg;* he is about 6 feet 2 inches high. His owner (if any) is deſired to take him away, and pay charges. (12)

SAMUEL PORTLOCK. jailer.

STRAYED from *York* town, about three months ago, a young BRIGHT BAY MARE 14 hands 3 inches high, with a hanging mane and ſwitch tail, has ſome marks occaſioned by working in a cart and plough, trots and gallops, throwing her feet in an aukward manner, and is probably forward with foal. As ſhe was bred by col. *Syme* in *Newcaſtle*, ſhe may have gone that way. Whoever delivers her to mr. *George Dabney*, near the forks of *Hanover*, or to the ſubſcriber, ſhall have 20s. reward. HUGH NELSON.

TAKEN up in *Caroline*, laſt *April*, a BLACK STONE COLT about four feet 3 inches high, appears to be about two years old laſt ſpring, has two white feet, but is neither dockt nor branded. I have had him cut. The owner may have him by applying to me, near the *Guinea* bridges.

WILLIAM ARNOLD.

TAKEN up in *Cumberland*, two ſtrays, *viz.* one a BRINDLED HEIFER 3 years old, marked with a crop and ſlit in the right ear, and a ſmooth crop in the left; and a RED STEER 2 years old, marked with a crop and two ſlits in the right ear, and a ſlope in the upper ſide of the left. Poſted, and appraiſed, the heifer to 30s. and the ſteer to 20s.

GEORGE CARRINGTON.

WANTED,

A GOOD negro BLACKSMITH, for whom a reaſonable price will be given.---Alſo a HOUSEKEEPER, who is a ſingle woman, and can come well recommended.---Inquire of the PRINTER.

FREDERICKSBURG, *September* 6, 1775.

THE ſubſcriber intending to quit publick buſineſs after the firſt day of *January* next, would rent his houſe and lot in this town upon reaſonable terms, which would ſuit any perſon inclinable to keep TAVERN, it being ſituated in the centre of the town, and has been long accuſtomed by the firſt gentlemen of this and the neighbouring colonies. It is large and commodious, there are all convenient out-houſes, including a ſtorehouſe on the main ſtreet, an exceeding good garden, a well of fine water within a few ſteps of the door, a billiard table, *&c. &c.* Any perſon inclining to rent the ſame ſhall have the refuſal of all the liquors on hand, conſiſting of beſt *Madeira* wine, old arrack, port wine, and ſpirits, with any part of the houſehold and kitchen furniture; they giving bond, with approved ſecurity, for payment of the ſame.

All perſons indebted to me are deſired to ſettle their accounts, and give bonds for ſuch as they cannot conveniently diſcharge; and thoſe who have any demands againſt me will be pleaſed to make them known. (5) GEORGE WEEDON.

ESSEX county, *September* 10, 1775.

RUN away from the ſubſcriber, about the middle of *July* laſt, a *Virginia* born negro lad named NED, who is about 18 years of age, and about 5 feet high; one of his hands has a large ſcar, occaſioned by its being burnt when he was a child, by which means ſome of his fingers grow together. He has a flat face and long head, which is remarkably ſharp on the top. His clothes were ſuch as is common for working negroes, and he was ſeen going down the country. Whoever will ſecure the ſaid negro, ſo that I get him again, ſhall have a reward of 40s. beſides what the law allows.

(tf) JAMES EDMONDSON.

YORK TOWN, *September* 19, 1775.

RUN away from col. *Philip Rootes*, of *King & Queen*, a negro man named HARRY, who ſome years ago was mortgaged to the hon. *William Nelſon*. It is with good reaſon ſuſpected that he is lurking about *Weſt Point*, and that he is harboured by ſome of col. *Thomas Moore*'s negroes. Whoever ſecures and delivers the ſaid negro, either to col. *Rootes* or to one of us, ſhall have 40s. reward.

(tf) THE EXECUTORS.

RUN away from the ſubſcriber, at *Weſt Point*, in *King William* county, the 21ſt of laſt *December*, a very likely *Virginia* born negro man, named MIKE, about 22 years old, ſix feet high, and ſtutters much; had on, when he went away, a ſuit of negro cotton, but may probably change his clothes. I forewarn all maſters of veſſels from carrying him out of the colony. Whoever brings the ſaid negro to me ſhall have 3l. reward, beſides what the law allows, and if taken out of the colony 10l. (tf.) JOHN WEST.

TAKEN up at my plantation near *Peterſburg*, in *Dinwiddie* county, a MOUSE-COLOURED HORSE about 10 years old, 14 hands high, with a ſtar in his forehead, his mane has been roached, but is ſince grown out, and hangs on each ſide, paces naturally, is cat-hammed, and branded on the near ſhoulder AN in a piece. Poſted, and appraiſed to 10l.

ROBERT NEWSUM.

RUN away from the ſubſcriber, in *Glouceſter* county, on the 14th of this inſtant (*May*) a negro man named NED, about 19 or 20 years of age, five feet two or three inches high, rather of a tawny complexion, has ſome ringworms on his face, and ſome white hairs in his head; his clothing was an old brown coat, and a yellow ſtriped cotton waiſtcoat. I bought him laſt *March* at the ſale of mr. *John Shermer* in *James City* county, for *Mann Page*, junior, eſquire. He was brought from one of his quarters in *King William* county, and I have reaſon to believe that he will go to thoſe parts, or to his mother, who lives with mr. *Thomas Booth*, in *Richmond* town. Any perſon who will take up the ſaid ſlave, and ſecure him ſo that I get him again, ſhall be paid 40s. by *Mann Page*, junior, eſquire, to whom the negro belongs.

(tf) JAMES JONES.

TAKEN up by the ſubſcriber in *Caroline*, near the *Reedy* mill, a BLACK STEER about two years old, marked with a crop in the right ear, and a crop and underkeel in the left. Poſted, and appraiſed to 27s. 6d.

SAMUEL NORMENT.

FOR SALE,

A TRACT of LAND, containing 3000 acres, whereon is a plantation which has employed, for ſome years paſt, twelve or fourteen ſlaves; this tract lies in the upper end of *King William* county. Alſo a tract lying in the lower end of the ſaid county, containing 1100 acres, and pleaſantly ſituated on *Pamunkey* river; a brick dwelling-houſe, with neceſſary offices, a fiſhing ſhore, and a lively fertility of ſoil, recommend the latter tract to any gentleman who may be about to ſettle in life. Poſſeſſion will be delivered on the 25th of *December* next; to the purchaſer, or purchaſers, who will have liberty of ſowing fall grain. Mr. *Benjamin Crymes*, jun. of *Orange*, will make known particulars to any perſon who may be inclined to purchaſe the whole, or any part of the ſaid tracts. Credit till the firſt of *January* 1777 will be allowed, by

JUDITH ROBINSON.
(tf.) LUCY ROBINSON,
BENJAMIN GRYMES, jun.

To be SOLD *in* Amherſt *county*,

FOUR THOUSAND acres of exceeding good tobacco LAND, being part of a large tract formerly advertiſed, together with a very valuable griſtmill, upon *Buffalo* river. This land is equal to any that has yet been ſold of the tract. The time of payment will be made agreeable to purchaſers. Mr. *Gabriel Penn*, who lives near the land, is authoriſed to bargain for it, and will ſhow it to any perſon inclinable to purchaſe.

(tf) CARTER BRAXTON.

For SALE,

A TRACT of LAND in *Caroline* county, near *Newmarket*, containing about 3000 acres of well timbered land, having thereon two plantations, in good repair, with proper and convenient edifices for farming, or making tobacco. For terms apply to the ſubſcriber.

(tf) JOHN BAYLOR.

For SALE,

A TRACT of LAND in *Caroline* county, contiguous to *Mattapony*, containing about 2000 acres of well timbered land, the property of mr. *Robert Baylor*. The terms may be known by applying to mr. *Nathaniel Burwell* in *King William*, mr. *John Armiſtead* in *Caroline*, or mr. *John Baylor*, executors. (tf)

ARTICLES of Intelligence, Eſſays, Advertiſements, *&c.* are thankfully received for this Paper, the Price of which is 12*ſ.* 6*d.* per Annum, Advertiſements inſerted as uſual. PRINTING WORK done with Care and Expedition, and on reaſonable Terms.

FRIDAY, October 20, 1775. SUPPLEMENT. No. 38.

AS saltpetre is an article much wanted in America, *the Committee of Safety earneſtly recommend it to the planters of tobacco in this colony, to cut down and preſerve all their tobacco ſuckers, and alſo to preſerve the traſh, ſtalks, and ſweepings of their tobacco-houſes, which are found to be exceedingly uſeful in the production of that neceſſary article.*

By order of the committee.

JOHN PENDLETON, jun. clerk.

AS the circumſtances of the preſent times make it prudent to guard againſt the conveyance of intelligence to the enemies of America, *by means of certain evil diſpoſed perſons, who may travel through the country for that purpoſe: The Committee of Safety do therefore earneſtly recommend it to all magiſtrates and other officers, civil and military, the members of the ſeveral committees, and all others within this colony, to be vigilant in examining all ſtrangers, and ſuſpected perſons, whom they may find paſſing, and to ſtop ſuch as do not give a proper account of their journey and employment.*

By order of the committee.

JOHN PENDLETON, jun. clerk.

WATERTOWN, *September* 25.

SATURDAY laſt the miniſterial troops fired 108 cannon ſhot at our people from their lines at Boſton, without doing any execution, except wounding one man. How many they loſt on their ſide we cannot ſay.

The following addreſs will be publiſhed in Canada, on the arrival there of col. Arnold, with the troops under his command:

By his excellency GEORGE WASHINGTON, *eſquire, commander in chief of the army of the united colonies in* North America:

To the INHABITANTS of CANADA.

Friends and Brethren,

THE unnatural conteſt between the Engliſh colonies and Great Britain has now riſen to ſuch a height that *arms alone* muſt decide it. The colonies, confiding in the juſtice of their cauſe, and the purity of their intentions, have reluctantly appealed to that being in whoſe hands are all human events. He has hitherto ſmiled upon their virtuous efforts: The hand of tyranny has been arreſted in its ravages, and the Britiſh arms, which have ſhone with ſo much ſplendour in every part of the globe, are now tarniſhed with diſgrace and diſappointment. Generals of approved experience, who boaſted of ſubduing this great continent, find themſelves circumſcribed within the limits of a ſingle city and its ſuburbs, ſuffering all the ſhame and diſtreſs of a ſiege; while the freeborn ſons of America, animated by the genuine principles of liberty and love of their country, with increaſing union, firmneſs, and diſcipline, repel every attack, and deſpiſe every danger.

Above all, we rejoice that our enemies have been deceived with regard to you. They have perſuaded themſelves, they have even dared to ſay, that the Canadians were not capable of diſtinguiſhing between the bleſſings of liberty and the wretchedneſs of ſlavery; that gratifying the vanity of a little circle of nobility, would blind the eyes of the people of Canada. By ſuch artifices they hope to bend you to their views, but they have been deceived. Inſtead of finding in you that poverty of ſoul, and baſeneſs of ſpirit, they ſee, with a chagrin equal to our joy, that you are enlightened, generous, and virtuous; that you will not renounce your own rights, or ſerve as inſtruments to deprive your fellow-ſubjects of theirs. Come then, my brethren, unite with us in an indiſſoluble union, let us run together to the ſame goal. We have taken up arms in defence of our liberty, our property, our wives, and our children; we are determined to preſerve them, or die. We look forward with pleaſure to that day, not far remote (we hope) when the inhabitants of America ſhall have one ſentiment, and the full enjoyment of the bleſſings of a free government.

Incited by theſe motives, and encouraged by the advice of many friends of liberty among you, the Grand American Congreſs have ſent an army into your province, under the command of general Schuyler; not to plunder, but to protect you; to animate, and bring forth into action, thoſe ſentiments of freedom you have diſcloſed, and which the tools of deſpotiſm would extinguiſh through the whole creation. To co-operate with this deſign, and to fruſtrate thoſe cruel and perfidious ſchemes which would deluge our frontiers with the blood of women and children, I have detached col. Arnold into your country with a part of the army under my command. I have enjoined upon him, and I am certain that he will conſider himſelf, and act as in the country of his patrons and beſt friends. Neceſſaries and accommodations of every kind which you may furniſh he will thankfully receive, and render the full value. I invite you, therefore, as friends and brethern, to provide him with ſuch ſupplies as your country affords; and I pledge myſelf not only for your ſafety and ſecurity, but for ample compenſation. Let no man deſert his habitation; let no one flee as before an enemy. The cauſe of America, and of liberty, is the cauſe of every virtuous American citizen; whatever may be his religion or deſcent, the united colonies know no diſtinction but ſuch as ſlavery, corruption, and arbitrary domination, may create. Come then, ye generous citizens, range yourſelves under the ſtandard of general liberty, againſt which all the force and artifice of tyranny will never be able to prevail.

G. WASHINGTON.

NEW YORK, *October* 5.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Roxbury, *dated* September 20, 1775.

GENERAL Gage, they ſay, has taken down ſome houſes near the hay market in Boſton, and deſigns to erect a fortification thereabout from ſhore to ſhore, and build a fort in that ſquare. I think it not unlikely. I hear the regulars have cut down all, or almoſt all the trees in town, and that they went to cut down ſome at dr. Elliot's; upon which he came out, and entreated that they would not, but they damned him and bade him begone, or they would go ſo by him, or words of that import.

"Laſt ſaturday I ſaw a gentleman who got out of Boſton the thurſday before. I could only aſk him two or three queſtions; he ſays the inſults and abuſes offered the inhabitants are intolerable, but that the regulars appear to be now rather dejected, and that in general they wiſh the diſpute was at an end.

"Meat 12 d. ſterling per pound. Mr. M----- writes, that eggs were ſold at 6 s. ſterling per dozen, and potatoes at 1 l. ſterling per buſhel. A number of gentlemen yet in town would be glad to be delivered out of that dreadful priſon, but cannot obtain a paſs."

A gentleman arrived here yeſterday morning from the camp at the Iſle aux Noix, which place he departed from the 19th ult. where he left general Montgomery with about 3000 men, who intended the next day to make an attack on St. John's, which was defended by col. Templer and about 600 regulars, with ſome Indians. He ſays a large ſchooner of 16 guns lay within half a mile of the fort, but that ſhe could not get into the lake ſo as to annoy our troops, by reaſon of a large boom being laid from the Iſle aux Noix to the oppoſite ſhore; that colonels Allan and Brown had got into Canada, where they were joined by 500 men at La Praire and Chambli, and had cut off an eſcort of 13 waggonloads of proviſion intended for St. John's, and were determined to prevent any ſupplies being ſent to that poſt; that in the firſt ſkirmiſh our people were up to their waiſts in water, but being animated by their brave general, and other worthy officers, who expoſed themſelves much on the occaſion, they ſoon made the enemy retreat, with the loſs of their commander, Matthias Johnſon; that in the boat which was ſunk by the gondola there were a number of gentlemen from Quebeck and Montreal, who all periſhed.

On Tueſday arrived here capt. Hamilton, in 8 weeks from Liverpool, by whom we are informed that ſeveral tranſports had ſailed from England for the port of Embden in Germany, to take in the Hanoverian troops deſtined for America; that ſeveral other tranſports were fitting out at Spithead, and other ports of the kingdom, for the ſame expedition. A large convoy of men of war are getting in readineſs to eſcort them hither, among which are ſeveral ſhips of the line. They may be expected this month, on ſome parts of our coaſts.

By capt. Little, in 11 days from Charleſtown, South Carolina, we are informed, that on the 15th of September the commander of his majeſty's ſhip Tamar, and another armed veſſel, preſſed two of capt. Little's men, and two paſſengers, likewiſe hands out of all the veſſels they could come at, on purpoſe to aſſiſt them in taking the cannon from fort Johnſton, but could not effect their deſign. The Tamar's barge, with a number of armed men, went on ſhore, ſpiked up ſome of the cannon, and threw the carriages over the walls. Next morning, before day, about 500 of the militia took poſſeſſion of the fort, and in a few hours had ſeveral of the guns mounted again. The fort is in good repair. The Tamar and the armed veſſel very prudently withdrew from the reach of the cannon, and fell farther down the harbour, where they now lie. The governour is on board of one of them.

WILLIAMSBURG, *October* 20.

Extract of a letter from Philadelphia, *October* 6.

"FROM letters received yeſterday, which may be depended on, they ſeem determined to carry the American attack to the greateſt extremity. Two thouſand men are coming over immediately to New York; four companies of artillery, with a train, to Boſton; and commodore Shuldham, with a fleet of frigates, cutters, and tenders, to Virginia, to deſtroy the towns, and carry devaſtation to all the plantations upon the rivers. This laſt movement is to extend its influence to Maryland and North Carolina. Some of this fleet alſo are to be ſent to this place, for the ſame infernal purpoſes."

Laſt ſunday a captain of the regiment with lord Dunmore waa buried at Portſmouth, his funeral being attended by his lordſhip, the gentlemen of the navy, and 91 men rank and file, beſides officers, which it ſeems compoſed the whole corps under lord Dunmore's command at that time. Four of the ſoldiers were ſo feeble, occaſioned by ſickneſs, that they could not carry their arms.

Yeſterday the Committee of Safety received advice, by expreſs, that two veſſels had arrived in Hampton road with a reinforcement of ſoldiers for lord Dunmore, ſaid to amount to about 200 men. They are the troops which his lordſhip ſent for to St. Auguſtine, and which, in our laſt, were ſaid then to have arrived, ſome veſſels having been ſeen coming in which were ſuppoſed to be thoſe expected by lord Dunmore.

Since our laſt two companies of regulars have arrived, commanded by capt. Ballard of Mecklenburg, and capt. Fleming of Goochland.

Laſt wedneſday lord Dunmore, with 140 men, went upon an expedition to Kemp's landing, in Princeſs Anne county, about ten miles from Norfolk, in a number of boats, and one of the men of war's tenders. They landed at a place called Newtown, two miles below, about dark, and immediately marched up to Kemp's, where they broke open a blackſmith's ſhop, and deſtroyed about 50 muſkets, which he had to repair, then fell to pillaging a number of other houſes, and, by ſome means or other, got into their poſſeſſion two officers in the minute ſervice, and four private men. The chief object of this *notable expedition* was to intercept a quantity of gunpowder *lately imported*, which luckily had been carried off ſome time before, and is now ſafely lodged, out of the reach of lord Dunmore, and all *his gang*.

SATURDAY morning, 9 o'clock. The Culpeper battalion of minute-men, all fine fellows, and well armed (near one half of them with rifles) are now within a few hours march of this city; and about 200 men, ſuppoſed to be regulars, are at a little diſtance behind.---It is now apparent (to uſe the words of our *noble* WASHINGTON, in his addreſs to the people of Canada) that ARMS ALONE muſt decide the conteſt between the colonies and mother country; for our *gracious* king, and his *wiſe* and *virtuous* miniſters, ſeem determined to perſevere in their *favourite ſcheme* to ſubjugate the colonies, for which purpoſe more men of war and troops are daily expected. *To arms* then, friends and fellow-ſubjects, and never lay them down till confirmed in all the rights and privileges of freemen, that you may tranſmit thoſe invaluable bleſſings to our lateſt poſterity. GOD ſend you good luck.

LEWIS MACKS, a volunteer in capt. Hicks's company, now on duty at Hampton, died laſt friday of a violent flux.

*** *The publick is adviſed to beware of a certain* floating *SALTSTORE in the neighbourhood of Norfolk. That man muſt be* blind indeed *who ſuffers himſelf to be* cajoled, *and would ſell his BIRTHRIGHT for a* meſs *of* pottage, *or rather a little* ſeaſoning *for it.*

Mr. HOLT *preſents his compliments to lord* DUNMORE, *and begs leave to inform him that he has, as a* partial *retaliation for the loſs he has ſuſtained by his lordſhip's ſeizure of his types, and other effects, taken poſſeſſion of ſeveral of his lordſhip's horſes, which have been appraiſed by creditable and impartial men, ſworn to do juſtice to both parties, the certificates of whoſe oaths ſhall be produced whenever called for; and that their appraiſed value ſhall be paid to his lordſhip whenever he ſhall think proper to reſtore his effects, and ſatisfy him for the damage he has ſuſtained from his lordſhip's late illegal invaſion of his property.*

IT *appears, from the examination of a gentleman, on oath, that the account publiſhed in* Hunter *and* Dixon's *paper, of mr. Matthews's being taken by lord Dunmore at the head of a company of minute-men, is much miſrepreſented, the ſaid Matthews having been ſurpriſed by the enemy in the night, alone, and unarmed.*